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July 21, 1998

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999 E Street, NW
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Re: MUR 4766
Brown and Williamson
Tobacco Corp.

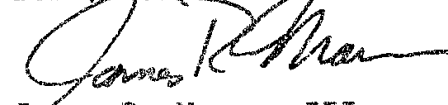
Dear Ms. Smith:

Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation was notified on July 7, 1998, that the Federal Election Commission had received a complaint, which has been designated as Matter Under Review 4766. As the Commission will be advised by separate correspondence, Brown and Williamson designated Bopp, Coleson & Bostrom on July 21, 1998, to represent it in this matter.

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1), Brown and Williamson has the opportunity to demonstrate in writing within 15 days of notification why the Commission should take no further action. Our response would be due on July 22, 1998. We respectfully request an extension of 15 days to respond, which would be August 6, 1998. Because we have just been retained, the additional time is necessary for us to fully apprise ourselves of the facts and the complex legal issues in order to be able to present the Commission with an appropriate response.

Sincerely,

BOPP, COLESON & BOSTROM


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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

7/2/98
Date

[Signature]
Signature

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